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Sir:

This amendment for the patent application identified above is in response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2006, which set a shortened statutory period for response that expired on December 27, 2006. A fee for a one-month extension of time is included herewith.

Kindly amend this application as indicated herein.